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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A wire dispensing device comprising:

a flat, rigid base for supporting a coil of wire, the coil having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a height, the base defining an outer perimeter greater than the outer diameter of the coil and an inner region the outer perimeter defining an outer wall extending upwardly therefrom and having a height at least equal to the height of the coil; and

a plurality of support lines connected to and extending from the inner region of the base and converging to a rotatable hanging means.

- 2. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the base is circular in shape.
- 3. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the height of the outer wall is greater than the height of the coil.
- 4. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner region of the base comprises a center compartment for stowage of the support lines and hanging means.

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- 5. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the inner region of the base comprises an inner wall extending upwardly from the base.
- 6. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 5 wherein the inner wall is circular and concentric with the outer wall, having a diameter less than the inner diameter of the coil.
- 7. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 6 further comprising an upper ridge extending inwardly from the upper surface of the inner wall and parallel to the base.
- 8. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 7 wherein the support lines are connected to and extend from the upper ridge.
- 9. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 5 wherein the support lines are connected to and extend from the inner wall.
- 10. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines comprise metal chain.
- 11. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines comprise polymeric rope.
- 12. (original) The wire dispensing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the support lines are symmetrically spaced.
- 13. (original) A disposable or recyclable package for distributing and dispensing a coil of wire, comprising:

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a flat, rigid base supporting a coil of wire, the coil having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a height, the base defining an outer perimeter greater than the outer diameter of the coil and an inner region; a plurality of support lines connected to and extending from the inner region of the base and converging to a rotatable hanging means; wherein the inner region of the base comprises a center compartment for stowage of the support lines and hanging means; and an outer covering.

- 14. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises an overwrapped plastic sheeting material.
- 15. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises a box.
- 16. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the outer covering comprises a strap.
- 17. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the base is circular in shape.
- 18. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the inner region of the base comprises an inner wall extending upwardly from the base.
- 19. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 wherein the support lines comprise polymeric rope.
- 20. (original) The package set forth in claim 12 further comprising means for symmetrically spacing the support lines.